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I. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The preparatory committee held its second session at United Nations Headquarters from 25 February to 1 March 2002. The preparatory committee held 3 plenary meetings (1st to 3rd) and a number of informal consultations.

2. The session was opened by the Chairman of the preparatory committee, who made an introductory statement.

3. At the 1st meeting, on 25 February, the representative of Spain, as host country for the Second World Assembly on Ageing, made a statement.

B. Attendance

4. The following States were represented: Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Holy See, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen, Yugoslavia and Zimbabwe. The observer for Palestine attended the session. The observer for the European Commission also attended the session.

5. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) was represented.

6. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization (ILO), World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

7. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/262 of 25 May 2000, non-governmental organizations in the field of ageing also attended the session.

C. Officers

8. The officers, who had been elected by the preparatory committee at its first session, remained:

Chairman:
Felipe Paolillo

Vice-Chairpersons:
Aicha Afifi (Morocco)
Asith Bhattacharjee (India)
Maria José Carrilho (Portugal)

9. Also, at its 1st meeting, on 25 February 2002, the preparatory committee elected by acclamation Ivana Grollová (Czech Republic) as Vice-Chairperson with rapporteurial responsibilities.

D. Agenda and organization of work

10. At its 1st meeting, on 25 February, the preparatory committee adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.5/2002/PC/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Status of preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing:

   (a) Activities undertaken in 2001;

   (b) Trust Fund;

   (c) Public information programme.

3. Consideration of the draft outcome document for the Second World Assembly on Ageing.

4. Draft provisional agenda and organization of work of the Second World Assembly on Ageing.

5. Other matters.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee on the work of its second session.

E. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in decision 2001/PC/3 of the preparatory committee

11. At the 2nd meeting, on 1 March 2002, the representatives of Algeria and Egypt made statements with regard to the accreditation of non-governmental organizations.

12. At its 3rd meeting, on 1 March, the preparatory committee approved the list of non-governmental organizations requesting accreditation, as set out in document E/CN.5/2002/PC/4 (see annex II, decision PC/2002/1).

F. Documentation

13. The documents before the preparatory committee are listed in annex V.

II. Status of preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

14. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee considered agenda item 2 at its 1st meeting, on 25 February 2002. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the secretariat on the status of preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing (E/CN.5/2002/PC/3);

(b) Letter dated 11 February 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/CN.5/2002/5);

(c) Note by the secretariat on the information campaign for the Second World Assembly on Ageing carried out by the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat (E/CN.5/2002/PC/Misc.1).

15. Also at the 1st meeting, the Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development made a statement.

III. Consideration of the draft outcome document for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

16. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee considered agenda item 3 at its 1st, 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 25 February and 1 March 2002. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Abuse of older persons: recognizing and responding to abuse of older persons in a global context" (E/CN.5/2002/PC/2).

17. At the 2nd meeting, on 1 March, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Spain (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, Egypt, Pakistan, the United States of America, the Czech Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Chile and Brazil. The Chairman also made a statement.

18. At the same meeting, the Secretary responded to questions raised during the discussion.

19. At the 3rd meeting, on 1 March, the preparatory committee had before it the text of a draft political declaration and a draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002, which were circulated in informal papers.

20. At the same meeting, following a statement by the Chairman, the preparatory committee agreed to annex the texts of the draft political declaration (A/CONF.197/3/Add.1) and the draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002 (A/CONF.197/3/Add.2), as amended during informal consultations, to its final report, on the understanding that the structure would be decided upon at a later date and that any subsequent amendments would be submitted separately.

IV. Draft provisional agenda and organization of work of the Second World Assembly on Ageing

Consideration of draft resolution E/CN.5/2002/PC/L.1

21. At its 3rd meeting, on 1 March 2002, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee had before it a draft resolution (E/CN.5/2002/PC/L.1) entitled "Provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the Second World Assembly on Ageing", submitted by the Chairman under item 4 of the agenda.

22. Also at the 3rd meeting, the Chairman advised the preparatory committee of amendments to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon following informal consultations.

23. At the same meeting, the observer for Palestine also made a statement.

24. Also at the same meeting, the preparatory committee approved the draft resolution, as orally amended and corrected, and recommended its adoption by the Second World Assembly on Ageing (see annex I to the present report).

V. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee on the work of its second session

25. At the 3rd meeting, on 1 March, the Vice-Chairperson of the preparatory committee with rapporteurial responsibilities, Ivana Grollová (Czech Republic), introduced the draft report of the preparatory committee (E/CN.5/2002/PC/L.2).

26. At the same meeting, the preparatory committee adopted its draft report and entrusted the Rapporteur with its completion.

Annex I

Draft resolution recommended for adoption by the Second World Assembly on Ageing

Provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

The Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 54/262 of 28 May 2000,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 55/58 of 4 December 2000,

1. *Recommends* that the Second World Assembly on Ageing adopt the provisional agenda and provisions for its organization of work contained in annex I to the present resolution;

2. *Authorizes* the Bureau to finalize any outstanding organizational or procedural matters, in consultation with the host Government and with the support of the Secretariat of the United Nations, for approval at the pre-Assembly consultations to take place at United Nations Headquarters;

3. *Invites* the regional groups to designate their nominations for the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, in accordance with the pattern outlined in the proposed organization of work contained in annex II to the present resolution, by 14 March 2002;

4. *Invites* Governments to inform the Secretariat of the level of their representation at the Assembly, also by 14 March 2002, in order that the drawing of lots for the list of speakers may be scheduled as provided for in rule 20 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Assembly.

Annex I
Provisional agenda for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

1. Opening of the Assembly.
2. Election of the President.
3. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
5. Election of officers other than the President.
6. Organization of work, including establishment of the Main Committee.*
7. Credentials of representatives to the Assembly:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

* The Chairman of the Main Committee will be elected in plenary meeting; officers of the Main Committee other than the Chairman will be elected by the Main Committee.

8. General exchange of views.

9. Political declaration and International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002.

10. Adoption of the report of the Assembly.

Annex II
Guidelines for the proposed organization of work for the Second World Assembly on Ageing

For the purposes of the organization of work set out below, the following guidelines will apply:

(a) During the period from 8 to 12 April 2002, a general exchange of views will be held, at which Member States and observers will make their statements, limited to seven minutes, in the order in which they draw lots;

(b) In accordance with rule 20 of the provisional rules of procedure, the list of speakers for the debate in the plenary will be established by a drawing of lots, which will take place on _____;

(c) During the same period, representatives of intergovernmental organizations and executive heads of interested organizations of the United Nations system may present one statement, during the Assembly;

(d) Given the availability of time, representatives of a limited number of accredited non-governmental organizations may also make statements, in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the World Assembly and the decision of the General Assembly on arrangements regarding the participation of non-governmental organizations in the Second World Assembly on Ageing;*

(e) Normal meeting hours for the Assembly will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Other proposed organizational matters

The following programme of work is proposed for the Second World Assembly on Ageing:

(a) Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that the Assembly shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: a President, 27 Vice-Presidents and an ex officio Vice-President from the host country, a Rapporteur-General and a Chairman for the Main Committee. In accordance with standard practice, the presidency of the Assembly will go to the host country. The 27 Vice-Presidents will be distributed according to the following geographical pattern: seven representatives from African States, six from Asian States, three from Eastern European States, five from Latin American and Caribbean States, and six from Western European and other States;

(b) The general debate will take place in plenary meeting from 8 to 12 April;

(c) In accordance with rule 46 of its provisional rules of procedure, the Assembly will establish a Main Committee to consider the draft declaration and international plan of action on ageing 2002, also from 8 to 12 April. In accordance with rule 48 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Main Committee may

* A/C.3/56/L.13.

establish such working groups as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions;

(d) Consideration of the report of the Main Committee and the adoption of the Political Declaration and the International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 will take place on Friday, 12 April 2002.

Annex II

Decision adopted by the preparatory committee at its second session

The following decision is brought to the attention of the Second World Assembly on Ageing:

Decision 2002/PC/1
Accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in decision 2001/PC/3 of the preparatory committee

The Commission for Social Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing decides to accredit the following non-governmental organizations to the Second World Assembly on Ageing and its preparatory process:

African Initiative on Ageing (AFIA)

Age Action Ireland Ltd.

Age Concern, New Zealand Incorporated

Age Concern Northern Ireland

AGE-European Older People's Platform

All Japan Construction, Transport and General Workers' Union (CTG)

All Japan Pensioners' Union

Alzheimer Europe

ANBO-Association for People over Fifty

Asociación Bienestar y Desarollo

Asociacíon Civil Diagonal

Asociacíon Gerontologica Costarricense-AGECO

Asociacíon Interdisciplinaria de Gerontologia de Colombia (AIG)

Asociación Multidisciplinaria de Gerontologia (AMAG)

Asociación Pro-Vida Peru

Association de Secours et Aide des Victimes de l'Est du Congo (ASAVIDE-ASBL)

Association of Jewish Ageing Services

Bangladesh Association for the Aged and Institute of Geriatric Medicine (BAAIGM)

Bangladesh Women's Health Coalition (BWHC)

Bevordering Maatschapppelijke Participatie-BMP (Foundation for the Promotion of Social Participation)

Canadian Association on Gerontology (CAG)

Canadian Centre for Activity and Ageing

Canadian Ethnocultural Council (CEC)

Canadian Pensioners Concerned Incorporated

Cape Peninsula Organization for the Aged (CPOA)

Centre for Education, Development Action and Research (CEDAR)

Center for Strategic and International Studies

Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones del Trabajo (CESTRA)

Comité nationale Dag van Ouderen (Dutch National Committee for Older Persons)

Community Aid and Sponsorship Programme (CASP)

Conciencia Activa

Confederacion de Federaciones y Asociaciones de Viudas Hispania (CONFAV)

Confederacion Española de Familares de Enfermos de Alzheimer y Otras Demencias (Union of Associations of Families with Alzheimer's and/or other diseases of Spain) — CEAFA

Confederacion Española de Organiciones de Mayores (CEOMA) — Spanish Confederation of Older People's Organizations

Conferación Mesa Federal de Jubilados, Pensionados y Tercera Edad de la Republica Argentina

Congress of Union Retirees of Canada (CURC)

Consortium Peru: Ageing and Development

DanAge Association

Federación de Sociedades Españolas

Federacion Nacional de Pensionados

Federal Superannuates National Association

Federation of Korean Gerontological Societies (FKGS)

Fos'ten (Stichting Surinaamse Vrouwen 50+)

Foundation for International Cooperation of Projects and Other Activities for Humanitarian Affairs (FIPA)

Fundacion Pro-Vida

HelpAge India

HelpAge Sri Lanka

Heritage Hospital (Dr. Reddy's Heritage Foundation)

Humanitarian Organization "RUHAMA" Zenica

Innovation et Promotion pour le Développement Solidaire (I.P.D.S.)

Intercultural Adults Association

International Association for the Study of Obesity (IASO)

International Longevity Center-Japan (ILC-Japan)

International Longevity Centre-UK (ILC-UK)

Instituto del Abuelo

IUS Gentium Conimbrigae-Human Rights Centre (IGC)

Japan NGO Council on Ageing (JANCA)

Johanniter Institution Radevormwald

Liberia Hunger Foundation

Liberian Council for Child and Family Welfare

Liechtensteinischer Seniorenbund

Maccabi Healthcare Services

Merck Institute of Ageing and Health

Mission Armenia

Mongolian Association of Elderly People (MAEP)

Mouvement International des Femmes pour la Démocratie et le Développement (MIFED-Congo)

Movimiento por la Paz, el Desarme y la Libertad (MPDL)

National Association on HIV Over Fifty (NAHOF)

National Council of Family Relations (NCFR)

National Indian and Inuit Community Health Representatives Organization (NIICHRO)

National Seniors Association (NSA)

Nederlandse Islamitishe Bond voor Ouderen (Dutch Islamic Elderly Union)-NISBO

Nederlands Instituut voor Zorg en Welzijn (Netherlands Institute for Care and Welfare)-NIZW

Nepal Participatory Action Network (NEPAN)

Netherlands Platform Older People and Europe (NPOE)

OWL The Voice of Midlife and Older Women

Protestants Christelijke Ouderen-PCOB (Protestant Christian Elderly Association)

Resource Integration Centre (RIC)

Rural Environment and Development Association (REDA)

Social Action for Grassroots Unity and Networking (SAGUN)

Service International pour le Réfugiés et pour la Paix (SIRPAX)

Sociedad Española de Enfermeria Geriatrica y Gerontologica (Spanish Society of Geriatric and Gerontology Nursing)-SEEGG

Society for Participatory Cultural Education (SPACE)

Senioren-Kolleg Liechtenstein

Outreach

People's Cultural Centre (PECUC)

Philippine Retirement Authority Member Association (PRAMA)

Positive Ageing Foundation of Australia

Taskforce Ouderen en Arbeid (Taskforce Older Workers and the Labour Market)

Unie van Katholike Bonden van Ouderen UNIE KBO
(Association of Catholic Organizations of Senior Citizens in the Netherlands)

Union of Retired People of Russia

Valencia Forum

Viet Nam Red Cross Research Centre for Ageing Support (RECAS)

Voluntariado de Ancianos (VO.DE.AN)

Volunteer Canada

Wemos Foundation

West Japan NGO Network of Ageing

Annex III

Draft political declaration

(See A/CONF.197/3/Add.1)

Annex IV

Draft international plan of action on ageing, 2002

(See A/CONF.197/3/Add.2)

Annex V

Documents before the preparatory committee at its second session

Symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title or description*
E/CN.5/2002/PC/1	1	Provisional annotated agenda
E/CN.5/2002/PC/2	3	Report of the Secretary-General on abuse of older persons: recognizing and responding to abuse of older persons in a global context
E/CN.5/2002/PC/3	2	Note by the secretariat on the status of preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing
E/CN.5/2002/PC/4	1	Note by the Secretariat containing a list of non-governmental organizations requesting accreditation to the Second World Assembly on Ageing and its preparatory committee
E/CN.5/2002/5	2	Letter dated 11 February 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General
E/CN.5/2002/PC/L.1	4	Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee
E/CN.5/2002/PC/L.2	6	Draft report
E/CN.5/2002/PC/Misc.1	2 (c)	Note by the Secretariat on the information campaign for the Second World Assembly for Ageing carried out by the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat